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## U. S. Intelligence

The critics of the U.S. Intelligence set-up finally have been given an answer to their queries. Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire, taking note of this, recently sent a letter to his constituents that may be of interest to all Americans. This is what Senator Cotton, a member of the senate finance committee, reported:

"Ever since Sputnik people have been asking: 'What is the matter with our intelligence?' This brought only a vague response from Allen Dulles to the effect that 'We know a bit more about what is going on than we are credited with knowing.' His reply had to be guarded.

"CIA must be highly secret. It requires a pass to buy a candy bar at its snack counter. Even its waste paper is classified, bagged and burned under surveillance. The question now is answered. Not only have we been patrolling the edge of the Iron Curtain with every delicate instrument known to science, but for four years our U-2's have been flying Russian skies and taking pictures. We have not been asleep.

"Furthermore, it proves that our alleged 'scientific lag' does not extend to aerial photography. In that field we must have wizards.

"Shots of launching pads and bases from 70,000 feet have been blown up so that every detail is clear. Actual photos from 60,000 feet (11½ miles) distinguish telephone poles and identify articles of clothing hanging on wash lines.

"Smithsonian's satellite tracking station has relayed pictures of small objects taken 1,200 miles above the earth. This is equal to photographing a golf ball in Miami with a camera in Boston.

"Incidentally, spy planes are probably near the end of their usefulness. But two of our satellites will be doing the job—Midas, an infrared missile attack warning system, and Samos, a picture-taking surveillance satellite, whose photo from 300 miles up will look like it was taken from 100 feet distant.

"Long-range bombers do not fly as high as the U-2, but they are faster, and it is fair to assume that many would be capable of reaching their objective."

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